

Application No.: 10/630,552

Docket No.: 09994-00019-US

REMARKS

Claims 15-17, 18-22, 27, 35-37, 43-45, 47-64 are in the application. Claims 18, 23-26, 28-34, 38-42 and 46 are cancelled. Claims 47-64 have been added. The applicant has added eighteen claims and cancelled seventeen claims. The applicant authorize the USPTO to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 09994-00019-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw for the extra dependent claim added.

The applicant has amended the claims so that this application includes N-heterocyclic carbenes of the formula IV. The APJ determined that the N-heterocyclic carbenes of the formula (II) and (IV) are patentably distinct by setting up two different interferences with the difference being the N-heterocyclic carbenes of the formula (II) in one interference and N-heterocyclic carbenes of the formula (IV) in the other interference. It is pointed out that the applicant already has one patent that has issued that is distinct from this application and is directed to N-heterocyclic carbenes of the formula (III) and (V). There is no overlap of the N-heterocyclic carbenes in this application and in the two divisional applications.

In claim 15, the applicant corrected formula (IV) and redrafted the claim so that it is clearer. Support for amended claims 16 and 17 can be found in the original claim 1. Support in claim 20 for triphenylphosphine can be found in paragraph no. 0045 of the published specification. Support for amended claims 27, 35, 37, 43 and 44 can be found in the original claims and in the examples. Support for newly added claims 47-64 can be found in the specification at pages 3-6 and in the original claims and the examples.

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Applicant believes no additional fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 09994-00019-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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